

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Chevy Chase Lake Apartments Inventory Number: M:35-141
Address: Chevy Chase Lake Drive and Manor Road City: Chevy Chase Zip Code: 28815
County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Washington West
Owner: Multiple Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 5 Tax Map Number: HN53 Tax Account ID Number: 07-00419647
Project: Purple Line, Bethesda to Silver Spring Segment Agency: Maryland Transit Administration
Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes X no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
1941 Atlas of Montgomery County, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Chevy Chase Lake Apartments are of the garden apartment type and date to circa 1950. A 1950 Sanborn Map shows the apartments on Manor Road and Chevy Chase Lake Drive in their current configuration, including being bisected by the former Georgetown Branch of the B & O Railroad.

The apartments were built on the former site of Chevy Chase Lake, a recreation area on a man-made lake that was associated with the early development of Chevy Chase. The amusement park at the site was closed and the lake drained in 1937. After World War II, the Chevy Chase garden apartments were constructed to accommodate the desperate need for housing.

Garden apartments developed as a popular housing type in the 1920s. In the five years following World War II, garden apartments were commonly built, but after 1951, garden apartment construction nearly stopped. The garden apartment complex, according to Paula Spero in her study of suburbs was "often a planned community of several apartment buildings containing multiple units, within a landscaped or organized setting."

The Chevy Chase Apartment complex consists of four groupings of units on the south side of the railroad line and four on the north side. The buildings are two stories with brick facing and have both gabled and gambrel roofs. The front façade of each

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

11/07/02
Date
1/7/03
Date

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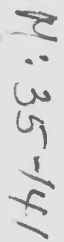
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Building focuses on the main entrance. Each entrance is delineated by Colonial Revival Style features such as a pediments (segmental, broken, and arched). Other classical features include quoins, pedimented cross gables with dentils and Palladian windows. The property includes green space in front of some units and in-between others. Paved parking lots also separate the units. It appears that some of the paved parking areas may have formerly been greenspace, part of the original complex's "garden" design.

The Chevy Chase Lake Apartments are typical of the Post World War II garden apartments built in Montgomery County. The complex is not eligible for the NRHP because it does not meet the significance assessment criteria outlined by Spero in the suburban development context study. The garden apartment is common in the Montgomery landscape and the Chevy Chase units lack important historic association in the development of this form or of the Chevy Chase area. In addition, it appears that the complex has lost some of its character-defining landscape features through conversion of areas into parking lots.

Prepared by: Margaret Slater, Parsons Brinckerhoff

Date Prepared: 9/3/2002



Washington West, USGS Quadrangle

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Chevy Chase Lake Apartments

3601, 3609, 3701, and 3709 Chevy Chase Drive

Chevy Chase

Washington West Quadrangle





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Chevy Chase Lake Dr's

Chevy Chase Lake and Pond Dr's, Chevy Chase
Montgomery Co., MD

Margaret Slater R300

q. 2000

July 3-90

Chevy Chase Lake Drive Dr's, view north

Ref 8



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Cherry Chase Lake Apts

Cherry Chase Lake + Manor Drive, Cherry Chase

Montgomery, Cal. 91761

Slater, PGBD

9-3302

ms 5490

Cherry Chase Lake units, View N

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Cherry Chase Lake DWS

Cherry Chase Lake and Harbor Dr, Cherry Chase

Montgomery Co, MD

Margaret Smith, PBOD

9-2002

mtb 5412

Cherry Chase

3 of 6 Lake Dr. 2015-2016



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Chase Chase Lake Apt 3, Ch. 1, Floor
Chase Chase Lake and Mendon Drive,
Montgomery Co, MD

Margaret Slater 11/3/94

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Chase Chase Lake Dr. 11/3/94, 11/3/94

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Charles S. 2530 Lake Apts

Charles S. 2530 Lake and Manor Drive, Chevy Chase

Montgomery Co, MD

Winter, 1900

9-2052

MD 5200

Detail of entrance upon N

848



TR. D. 35-40

Cherry Chase Lake Apts

Cherry Chase Lake and Grand St, Cherry Chase,

Montgomery Co, MD

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1-75000

2nd unit, view N

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Chevy Chase Lake Apts

Chevy Chase Lake and Mann Dr, Chevy Chase

Montgomery Co, MD

Station 10.2K

9-2002

IND S+D

Mann Dr. 10.2K, View West

7048



MD 35-121

Cherry Chase Lake by HS

Cherry Chase Lake and marsh. To Cherry Chase
N. Montgomery Co. MD

Slater, P. C. D.

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map: #149

Yarrow Dr. Unit, view S.

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: (3601, 3609, 3701, 3709) M: 35-141
3719 Chevy Chase Lake Drive, Chevy Chase Lake Apartments,
Chevy Chase, MD.

Survey Number: _____

Project: Montgomery County Dept. Housing & Community Affairs Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: x no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended x

Criteria: A B xC D Considerations: A B C D E F
 G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Chevy Chase Lake Apts., 3719 Chevy Chase Lake Drive, Chevy Chase, MD, is not located within the boundaries of an historic district and does not meet the criteria for individual listing on the National Register.

The three buildings comprising the complex were built prior to 1948 and were built in the Colonial Revival style. The subdivision of the massing of the complex into three separate blocks and the use of Colonial Revival detailing was designed to give the complex a residential scale and appearance. The use of Colonial Revival detailing was popular on the earliest garden apartments developed prior to World War II and remained so on complexes developed after the War.

The complex lacks the architectural distinction necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. Based upon the information provided, the property is not associated with persons or events significant to our past, and thus does not qualify under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files
Prepared by: Ray Goodrow

Ray M. Goodrow

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5/27/98

Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

John A. Furtz

Reviewer, NR program

5/28/98

Date

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Survey No. M: 35-141

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☐ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement

☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/ Multi-Family Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

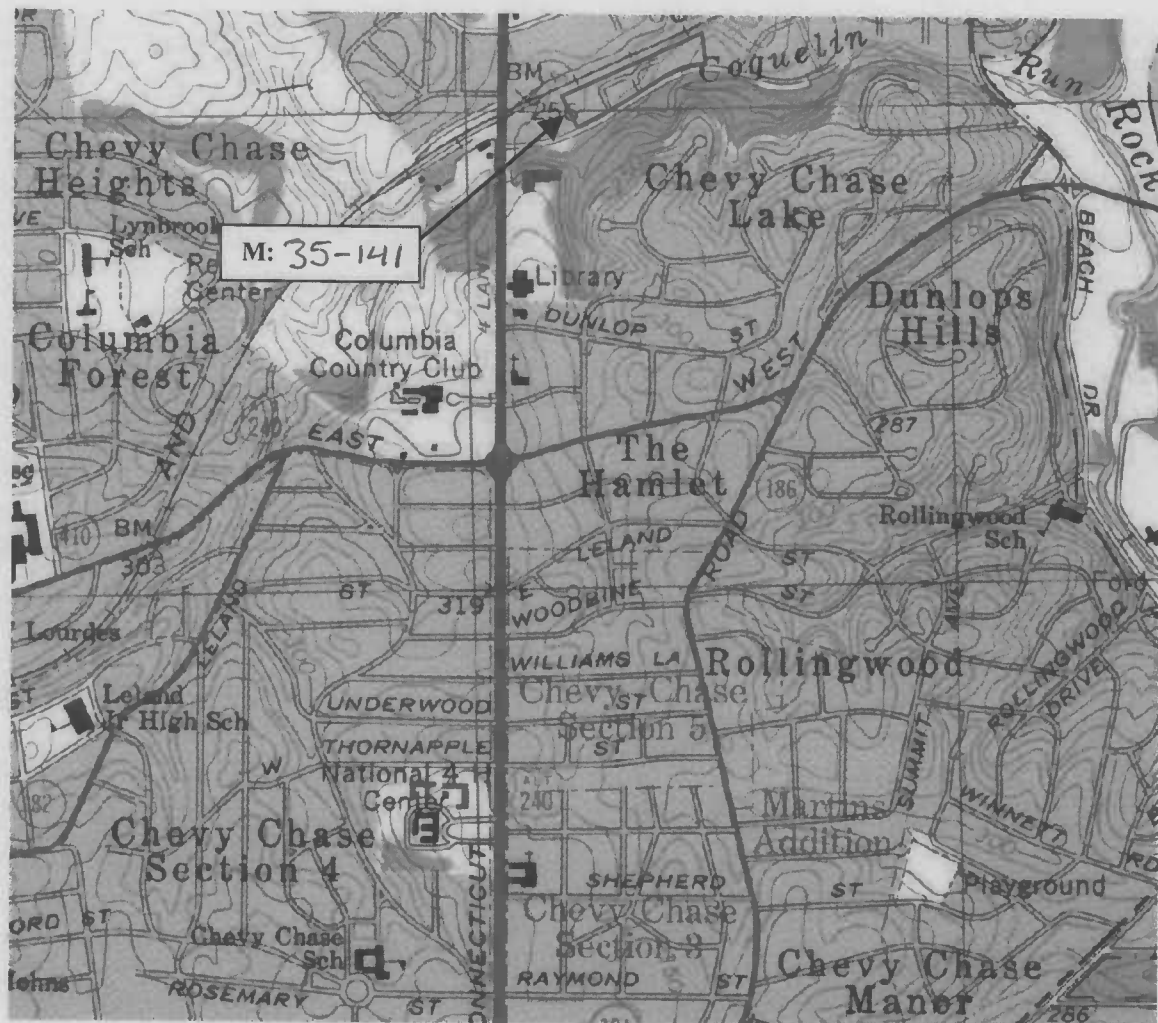
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Cheng Chuan Lake Opto.

Front View - 151 quadrant
of Lake View



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Cherry Chase Lake Apts.

Front View - 2nd Quadrant



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Chung Chase Lake Apts.

Room + Side View - 3rd Fl.